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channel has an extending tab 7 at the end of each leg. Tab 7 then acts as the extending leg of the U-shaped channel and provides a mechanism for retaining the fastening means to be described while permitting slidable movement of the fastening means within the U-shaped channel along the longitudinal axis A. Optionally, the legs of the U-shaped channel may be bent to retain the fastening means while permitting slidable movement, but the use of extending tabs is preferred. The number of T-shaped or U-shaped channels 5 carried by railing 3 is dependant primarily upon the width of railing 3 and design criteria for support. Typically, a railing carries two T-shaped or U-shaped channels.

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Novel construction, design, and installation of barriers, where customization is required such as in industrial arenas, include at least one longitudinally extending railing supportably fastened to at least two vertically extending posts. A novel barrier construction incorporates a longitudinally extending railing having at least one generally T-shaped or U-shaped channel extending in the longitudinal direction with at least one